

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

U.S. Patent Application Serial number 10/001,947 10/002,962 entitled UNIVERSAL TASK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD AND PRODUCT FOR AUTOMATICALLY MANAGING REMOTE WORKERS, INCLUDING AUTOMATICALLY RECRUITING WORKERS, Jilk, et al., inventors, ~~agent/attorney docket number WIDE-003~~, assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

The storage subsystem 215 further stores a task data structure 219 that includes a task pool of tasks to be completed, each task defined by a task step and a unit of input for the task step. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 2, the task data structure 219 is part of the database [[215]] 217, and in alternate embodiments, the task data structure 219 is a separate data structure.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

Included is at least one worker terminal 209 coupled to the network 203 including one or more computer readable code segments (e.g., software) that may be provided on a carrier medium [[210]] 208 and that cause one or more processors in the worker terminal 209 to implement a worker client process 213 communicating with the task management system 100 via the network 203. More worker terminals such as 209 would operate, typically, one per remote worker.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

Each customer 103 has an entry in database 217. When a customer 103 contracts a project with the operator of the task management system 100, the customer 103 also defines the type of data (the source data [[115]] 107) that will be sent to the system 100 for each process in the project[[,]] and the type of data to be returned (the result data 113). These all form entries in the database 217. Task definition includes defining the overall process of manipulating the source data to produce the result data for each process[[,]] and the individual task steps that [[are]] make up the overall process in the case that the process includes more than one task step. For each task step, the one or more manipulation rules that convert the task input data to the task result are defined and entered into the task management system 100. These are input as entries in the database 217.